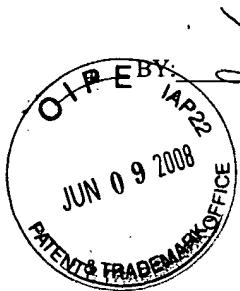


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**PATENT
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATON

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed on February 11, 2008, sent in connection with the above-captioned application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a one (1) month extension of time and fees which extends the time for a response to the Office Action through and to June 11, 2008. Additionally, this Response is being timely filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.11 and accompanying fee. No other fees are believed due for the filing of this response. Please charge any additional applicable fees that are due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.